



In 1975 President Ford marked this date as the end of the Vietnam Era, officially ending the Vietnam War in terms of those serving.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Washington D.C.

From 1957 to May 1975 the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall
Have 58,286 names.

Michigan Vietnam Veteran Memorial

May 12, 2016

Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security:

My name is Gary D. Dietrich. I have many concerns about the Vietnam Veteran Era Bonus of 1974. I was born in 1953 and have lived in Michigan all of my life. I served in the U. S. Air Force during the Vietnam Era (1972-78). In 1972 I graduated from High School and shortly after I received my Draft Board "Greeting Letter" that summer. I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force for 6 years on October 16, 1972. I thought I was going into active duty service that day but they put me in inactive reserve with pay until March 5, 1973. I then served active duty for 4 years. During that time I received the Nation Defense Medal for my service during the Vietnam War.¹ In November of 1974, Michigan voters approved service bonus to Michigan Vietnam Era Veterans and to authorized the State to market up to \$205,000,000 in bonds, the proceed of which would be used to pay the bonus.² I voted for the Bonus by absentee ballot when I was station at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. In April of 1975 I apply for the Bonus. On November 12, 1975, I received a letter from the Department of Military Affairs informing me that I did not serve the required 190 days active duty.³ I was 9 days short (March 5 to September 1, 1973). They would not include my 4 months and 20 days of inactive duty with pay (October 16, 1972 to March 4, 1973). In March of 1977, I was Honorable Discharged from active duty and on October 16, 1978, I was Honorable Discharge from the reserves. On December 19, 1978, a new amendment to the Michigan Vietnam Veteran Era Bonus Act allowed reservists and guardsmen to include training towards the 190 days minimum service requirements.⁴ I apply on February 23, 1979. On April 18, 1979 I was denied because my service prior to March 5, 1973 was regular reserve service.⁵ On June 30, 1980 the Michigan Vietnam Era Bonus expired.

I retired in 2012 as a Fire Department Captain of 30 years of service. In 2013, I was checking on the internet about my past military service and updating my records. I came across that the State of Iowa in 2007 extended their Vietnam Bonus from 1973 to 1975.⁶ I thought that the State of Michigan could do the same thing. I contacted my State Representatives to change our Vietnam Era Veteran Bonus. The Michigan State Law - UNIFORMITY OF SERVICE DATES – Act 190 of 1965 states that the Vietnam Era ended May 7, 1975.⁷ It seem that I was not getting anywhere with it. So our Legion Post (Blumfield Post 229 and Legion District 8th) started a resolution to extend the Bonus date to May 7, 1975. American Legion Department of Michigan passed the resolution to extend the date to May 7, 1975.⁸ Senator Vincent Gregory introduced Bill 1108 on October 2, 2014. On October 22, 2014, I was invited by Senator Roger Kahn to testify at the Senate Appropriation Hearing. There was not enough time to go further with the Bill in 2014 so the Bill died.

On April 23, 2015, Sen. Vincent Gregory introduced Senate Bill 290⁹ and Representative Vanessa Guerra on May 19, 2015 introduced House Bill 4618.¹⁰ Senate Bill 290 was referred to the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs & Homeland Security Committee on April 23, 2015. House Bill 4618 was referred to the House Appropriations Committee on May 19, 2015. So this is where we are at today.

I have some concerns on why and how this law was introduced. When this law was proposed in 1974, there was no end date to the Vietnam Era. Michigan Public Acts 1968 – No. 146 stated that the ending date of the Vietnam Era will be prescribed by the president or the congress.¹¹ According to the Selective Service System there were 49,514 inductions in 1972. The last man inducted into the Army was on June 30, 1973.¹² It wasn't until February 20, 1976 that the Vietnam Era Bonus ending date was changed to May 7, 1975.¹³ I wonder why the Vietnam Era Bonus was not amended in 1976 to the correct end date to May 7, 1975. The Bonus was amended twice in the 70's.¹⁴ A federal court ruling created a separate deadline date in the early 80's.¹⁵ I always wonder why they used the date of September 1, 1973 to end the Vietnam Era Bonus. I could never find any place in the history of the Vietnam War that made reference to September 1, 1973 except that combat operations ended in early 1973. But we still had U.S. military personnel in South Vietnam until 1975. President Gerald R. Ford announced that May 7, 1975 would be the end of the Vietnam Era. I did find that the beginning date of the Vietnam War according to Michigan Public Acts 1968 – No. 146¹⁶ and Public Acts 1976 – No. 16 was August 5, 1964.¹⁷ But the Vietnam Era Bonus stated the beginning date as January 1, 1961. Even though, the years 1961 to 1964 we were only military advisors to South Vietnam. Our death toll was 409 between those years. It wasn't until 1965 that our death toll climbed to 1,931 in 1965¹⁸ and went higher as the years went by. It seems to me that the people who put the Vietnam Era Bonus together in the early 70's were only looking out for the older veterans. I do not have a problem with that, but I checked on the death tolls from 1961 to 1962 and it was at 68.¹⁹ Then I looked at the death tolls between September 1973 to May 1975 and it was also at 68.²⁰ I am just saying that the beginning of the Vietnam War and the end looked about the same to me if you look at the death tolls. To me there was not a clear date when the Vietnam War started but the end date was May 1975. There were no more U.S. military deaths in Vietnam after May 1975. Like other wars in the past we had a beginning and end dates. When the State of Iowa was debating their Vietnam bonus in 1973, Rep. Hargrave (a 15-year Army veteran) was also concerned about the cutoff date for eligibility under their bill. He stated "I'm not positive the war will be over by then and we will wind up coming back next year and haggling the issue all over again."²¹ Well it took them over 30 years and they finally corrected their mistake and changed their date to May 1975. It is not too late to change our end date to May 7, 1975. I know for a fact, that the younger generation of veterans of the Vietnam War did not have a voice in the making of the Michigan Vietnam Era Bonus.

Now to talk about the money that was raised and spent on the Bonus. The 1974 referendum authorized the sale of \$205 million in bonds. In 1978 the Department of Treasury has marketed \$190 million of general obligation serial bonds. This amount was considered sufficient to fund the balance of the program which would expire on June 30, 1980.²² In 1982 the total Era Bonus Program Payment was at \$173,997,924.²³ So that would have left about \$16 million in the fund. Accordingly to MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT of MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS, the VET CENTERS were initially funded from the residual of the Vietnam Bonus.²⁴ The Vet Center Program was established by Congress in 1979 out of the recognition that a significant number of Vietnam Era Veterans were still experiencing readjustment problems. Vet Centers are community based and part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and they served all veterans, not just Michigan veterans. I know that the Vietnam Veterans needed the help, but the Vietnam Era Bonus was voted for Michigan Vietnam Veterans only. That's what the Act states.²⁵ According to The New York Times "Michigan's cash bonus program for veterans of the Vietnam War,

enacted in the 1975 recession, is ending in another economic slump."²⁶ I know for a fact, in 1980 I could have used the Bonus money just being married and laid off from G.M. In 1978, the Bonus Program paid out \$172 million to 366, 500 Vietnam Michigan Veterans and their survivors. The averaged paid out was about \$40, 000 a month.²⁷ If this is true that over \$16 million was left in the fund, it was wrong to spend it on a Federal Funded Program. The Michigan Vietnam Era Bonus was for Michigan Vietnam Era Veterans.

I think the younger Vietnam Veterans was not represented at the time that the Michigan Vietnam Era Bonus was created. If you used the monthly amount of \$40,000 (1978 figure), it would cost about \$840,000 (\$40,000 X 21 extended months) to fund the Bonus extension. I do not believe it would cost that much. The Iowa Vietnam Conflict Veterans Bonus appropriated \$500,000 from their Veterans Trust Fund for their bonus extension. Payment Information Between July 1 and September 30, 2007, the Department of Veterans Affairs approved 368 claims for an average of \$180 and total expenditures of \$66,149. Additional claims of \$6,980 for 32 veterans were pending.²⁸ The Michigan veterans that would receive the money from the Michigan Vietnam Era Bonus extension would be very little to today standards, but it might help a veteran with a car payment, doctor/dental visit or a little extra food on the table. I strongly believe and it is my mission that we correct the end date of the Michigan Vietnam Era Veteran Bonus to May 7, 1975 and help our fellow veterans.

Sincerely,

Gary D. Dietrich
6572 Hess Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48601
989-752-0431

1.

National Defense Service Medal



Vietnam War January 1, 1961 August 14, 1974

2.

Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Michigan 1975-1976

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In November of 1974, Michigan voters approved a referendum on legislation proposing the payment of a service bonus to Michigan Vietnam Era Veterans and specific survivors and further authorized the State to market up to \$205,000,000 in bonds, the proceed of which would be used to pay the bonus. The referendum (on Act 106, Public Acts of 1974), known as Proposal B, prescribed further legislation directed toward implementing the basic provision of Act 106. The forthcoming legislation became Act 370 of the Public Acts of 1974 cited as the "Vietnam Veteran Era Bonus Act."

3.

STATE OF MICHIGAN



WILLIAM G. MILLIKEN, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
VIETNAM VETERAN ERA BONUS SECTION

P.O. BOX 1500 LANSING, MICHIGAN 48904

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN A. JOHNSTON, ADJUTANT GENERAL

NOV 12 1975

1-3237390

Mr. Gary D. Dietrich
3510 Hess St.
Saginaw, MI 48601

Claim #279,771

Dear Mr. Dietrich:

We regret to inform you that your claim for the Vietnam Veteran Era Bonus has not met established eligibility criteria and by law must be disallowed for payment.

Your claim has been rejected because it fails to meet eligibility requirements as set forth in Section 2.(b), Public Act 370 of 1974, State of Michigan, in that you did not serve the required 190 days active duty, during the "period of service" being that period of time between January 1, 1961 and September 1, 1973.

You have the right to file with the Adjutant General of Michigan a request for appeal to the State Court of Claims within six months after the mailing of this notice of rejection.

If you do not file a request for appeal with the Adjutant General within six months from the date of this letter, the rejection of your claim will be final without any further right on your part to appeal the decision.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

Michael J. Rice
MICHAEL J. RICE

Captain, MI ARNG
Director, VVEBS

Extract from
P.A. 370 of 1974
(Reverse side)



STATE OF MICHIGAN



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DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
VIETNAM VETERAN ERA BONUS SECTION

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN A. JOHNSTON, ADJUTANT GENERAL

NEWS RELEASE

FOR RELEASE: IMMEDIATE

DATE: 19 DECEMBER 1978

NEW LEGISLATION QUALIFIES SOME RESERVISTS FOR MICHIGAN VIETNAM ERA BONUS

A new amendment to the Michigan Vietnam Veteran Era Bonus Act (PA 370 of 1974) qualifies a small number of reservists and guardsmen who as part of their enlistment contract or as a matter of personal choice, converted to active military service immediately upon completion of initial basic training. Allowing these reservist-veterans to include their Basic and Specialty Training toward the 190 day minimum service requirement, the law brings them under the same adjudication procedures used on other veterans whose service time is computed from the date they entered basic training.

Applying only to those who enlisted before February 25, 1973, the amendment primarily affects reservists who chose military enlistment packages consisting of a combination of initial active duty for training, active duty, and inactive duty. The most prominent example being the Naval Reserve 2 by 6 Program where the reservist enlisted for a two year tour of active duty (including training) after which he reverted to reserve status, returned home, and attended monthly meetings with his reserve unit for the remaining four years of his enlistment. The new law, in this instance, would permit a naval reservist to include his initial active duty training time as part of his overall active duty service when determining qualification for the Michigan Vietnam Veteran Era Bonus.

After three years of operation the Bonus Program has paid nearly \$172 million to 366,500 Michigan veterans or their survivors. Currently averaging \$40,000 a month in paid claims, the Bonus Section will continue to accept applications until June 30, 1980 when the Program expires.

5.

STATE OF MICHIGAN



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**DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
VIETNAM VETERAN ERA BONUS SECTION**

P.O. BOX 1500, LANSING, MICHIGAN 48904

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN A. JOHNSTON, ADJUTANT GENERAL

18 April 1979

Gary Duane Dietrich
3510 Hess St.
Saginaw, MI 48601

Dear Mr. Dietrich:

Response received from National Personnel Record Center in St. Louis indicates the service prior to your active duty entry of March 5, 1973 was regular reserve service (not active duty for training).

The amendment to the original Vietnam Veterans bonus act which addresses active duty for training as countable toward the 190 day active duty requirement does not apply to your service history.

Thank you for your interest. If you have any further questions regarding bonus claim activities we will be pleased to assist you.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Susan A. W. Winnicker
Chief of Operations
VVEB Section



MICHIGAN The Great Lake State



6.

State of Iowa

FISCAL UPDATE November 1, 2007

Legislative Services Agency (515)-281-5279 FAX 281-8027 <http://staffweb.legis.state.ia.us/lfb>

VIETNAM VETERAN BONUS UPDATE

Senate File 578 Senate File 578 (Vietnam Veteran Bonus Program and Appropriation Act) appropriated \$500,000 from the Veterans Trust Fund for bonuses for Vietnam Era veterans serving between July 1, 1973, and May 31, 1975. Certain veterans are eligible for monthly payments of either \$17.50 or \$12.50 depending on the location of active duty during the specified time period. The maximum bonus is limited to either \$300 for months in a non-service area or \$500 for months in a service area. The amount that a veteran may maximum bonus. Payment Information Between July 1 and September 30, 2007, the Department of Veterans Affairs approved 368 claims for an average of \$180 and total expenditures of \$66,149. Additional claims of \$6,980 for 32 veterans are pending. In addition, 167 claims have been denied due to the veteran already receiving the bonus, serving prior to the specified time period, or not being an Iowa resident at the time of enlistment.

7.

UNIFORMITY OF SERVICE DATES – Act 190 of 1965

35.61 Uniformity of service dates for veterans; definitions, dates, and terms.

Sec. 1.

In order to provide for the uniformity of service dates for veterans, the following dates and terms shall be applicable to all acts of the state relative to veterans:

(a) “Veteran” means a person, who served in the active military forces, during a period of war or who received the armed forces expeditionary or other campaign service medal during an emergency condition and who was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions. “Veteran” also includes a person who died in active military forces.

(j)or Vietnam service medal was received or veterans having served in the Vietnam era, which is that period beginning February 28, 1961, and ending on May 7, 1975.

8.

American Legion, Department of Michigan, Livonia, Michigan, June 26 – 29, 2014

Resolution No. 7-14-C

Re: Viet Nam Era Bonus Act 370 of 1974

WHEREAS, The Viet Nam Era Bonus Act 370 was passed by voters in Michigan in 1974 soon after the last combat troops left Vietnam and the release of American POW's; and

WHEREAS, The "Period of Service" dates of the Vietnam Veteran Era Bonus were between 12:01 a.m., January 1, 1961, and 12:01 a.m., September 1, 1973 to receive the Bonus; and

WHEREAS, The Vietnam Veteran Era Bonus states a "Veteran" to mean a person who completed not less than 190 days of honorable service; and

WHEREAS, The Federal law established the end of the "Vietnam Era" as May 7, 1975; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Law – UNIFORMITY OF SERVICE DATES Act of 1965 states; veterans having served in the Vietnam Era, which is that period beginning February 28, 1961, and ending on May 7, 1975; and

WHEREAS, The Vietnam Memorial Wall list 21 Vietnam Veterans that died in Vietnam between the dates of September 1, 1973 and May 7, 1975; and

WHEREAS, The National Defense Service Medal is awarded to veterans that served during the Vietnam War January 1, 1961 – August 14, 1974; and

WHEREAS, The last man inducted entered the U.S. Army on June 30, 1973; and

WHEREAS; The Iowa Vietnam Conflict Veterans Bonus extended their date in 2007 to May 31, 1975; and

WHEREAS, The Vietnam Era Bonus Act 370 of 1974 has a cutoff date for applications of June 30, 1980; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention Meeting, assembled in Livonia, Michigan, June 26 – 29, 2014, That The American Legion, Department of Michigan urge the Michigan Legislature to amend the "Vietnam Veterans Era Bonus Act 370 of 1974" from an end date of September 1, 1973 to an end date of May 7, 1975 for Michigan Veterans who served on active duty for at least 190 days during a period of service from February 24, 1973 and May 7, 1975 to correct the dates to the true ending of the Vietnam Era and give Michigan Veterans what is due to them; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the original time limitation of June 30, 1980 be extended to allow veterans not previously eligible for the Vietnam Veterans Era Bonus Act of 1974 a reasonable amount of time to apply.

9.

2015 Senate Bill 290: Expand Viet Nam veteran grant eligibility Introduced by Sen. Vincent Gregory (D) on April 23, 2015, to extend a state grant that was given to Viet Nam era veterans under a 1974 law, so that the award would also be given to individuals who were in the military between September 1, 1973 and May 7, 1975. Referred to the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs & Homeland Security Committee on April 23, 2015.

10.

2015 House Bill 4618: Expand Viet Nam veteran grant eligibility to post-Viet Nam veterans Introduced by Rep. Vanessa Guerra (D) on May 19, 2015, to extend a state grant that was given to Viet Nam era veterans under a 1974 law, so that the award would also be given to individuals who were in the military between September 1, 1973 and May 7, 1975. Referred to the House Appropriations Committee on May 19, 2015.

11.

Michigan Public Acts 1968 – No. 146

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- (i)or veterans having served in Vietnam era which is defined to be that period beginning August 5, 1964, and ending on a date prescribed by the president or the congress.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 12, 1968.

12.

Selective Service System

Induction in 1972 – 49,514

The last man inducted entered the Army was on June 30, 1973.

13.

Michigan Public Acts 1976 – No. 16

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This Act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved February 20, 1976.

14.

Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Michigan 1977-1978

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During this reporting biennium the Michigan Legislature approved two amendments to the Vietnam Veteran Era Bonus Act, enabling consideration of previously ineligible veterans.

The first amendment, Act 119 of Public Acts of 1978, enabled veterans who were previously rejected solely due to an other than honorable discharge to reapply for the bonus if their discharge had been upgraded. By the end of calendar year 1978, 98 claims had been paid in the amount of \$50,550 to veterans who qualified under the amendment.

The second amendment, Act 491 of Public Acts of 1978, modified eligibility criteria regarding the 190 days required active duty.

Veterans who converted to active duty immediately upon completion of the initial active duty for training without a break in pay status may now consider the time spent in active duty for training toward the 190 days active duty requirement. This is a recent amendment and no statistics are presently available regarding of additional eligible applicants.

15.

Report of the Adjutant General of Michigan 1979-1982

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A federal court ruling created a separate deadline date of September 30, 1980 for veterans who in addition to satisfying all other requirements became Michigan residents while on active duty after January 1, 1961.

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Approved February 20, 1976.

18.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall

<http://www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces/>

<u>Year</u>	<u>Casualties</u>
1961	16
1962	52
1963	125
1964	216
Total	409
1965	1,931
1966	6,356
1967	11,371
1968	16,907
1969	11,789
1970	6,175
1971	2,421
1972	765
1973 to Aug31	61

19.

Vietnam War Casualties 1961 – 1962

1.	TOM J CRESS Date of Casualty: Jan 6, 1961	35.	BARNEY KAATZ Date of Casualty: Apr 6, 1962
2.	ALFONS A BANKOWSKI Date of Casualty: Mar 23, 1961	36.	JAMES GABRIEL JR Date of Casualty: Apr 8, 1962
3.	FREDERICK T GARSIDE Date of Casualty: Mar 23, 1961	37.	WAYNE E MARCHAND Date of Casualty: Apr 8, 1962
4.	RALPH W MAGEE Date of Casualty: Mar 23, 1961	38.	BILLIE L BEARD Date of Casualty: Apr 21, 1962
5.	GLENN MATTESON Date of Casualty: Mar 23, 1961	39.	RONALD E LEWIS Date of Casualty: May 1, 1962
6.	LESLIE V SAMPSON Date of Casualty: Mar 23, 1961	40.	HEWETT F COE Date of Casualty: May 20, 1962
7.	EDGAR W WEITKAMP JR Date of Casualty: Mar 23, 1961	41.	GEORGE E COLLIER Date of Casualty: May 28, 1962
8.	OSCAR B WESTON JR Date of Casualty: Mar 23, 1961	42.	ROBERT L GARDNER Date of Casualty: Jun 13, 1962
9.	THEODORE G FELAND Date of Casualty: Apr 20, 1961	43.	WILLIAM F TRAIN III Date of Casualty: Jun 16, 1962
10.	GERALD M BIBER Date of Casualty: Apr 22, 1961	44.	WALTER R MCCARTHY JR Date of Casualty: Jun 16, 1962
11.	JOHN M BISCHOFF Date of Casualty: Apr 22, 1961	45.	DON J YORK Date of Casualty: Jul 14, 1962
12.	WALTER H MOON Date of Casualty: Apr 22, 1961	46.	HAROLD L GUTHRIE Date of Casualty: Jul 15, 1962
13.	ODIS D ARNOLD Date of Casualty: Jun 30, 1961	47.	JOSEPH A GOLDBERG Date of Casualty: Jul 15, 1962
14.	BRUCE R JONES Date of Casualty: Aug 10, 1961	48.	JAMES E LANE Date of Casualty: Jul 15, 1962
15.	FLOYD STUDER Date of Casualty: Aug 15, 1961	49.	ANTHONY J TENCZA Date of Casualty: Jul 15, 1962
16.	JAMES T DAVIS Date of Casualty: Dec 22, 1961	50.	WILLIAM R BUNKER III Date of Casualty: Jul 16, 1962
17.	HERMAN K DURRWACHTER JR Date of Casualty: Jan 13, 1962	51.	ROBERT L SIMPSON Date of Casualty: Aug 28, 1962
18.	FRED M STEUER Date of Casualty: Jan 13, 1962	52.	RICHARD L ELLIS Date of Casualty: Oct 5, 1962
19.	THEODORE J BERLETT Date of Casualty: Jan 28, 1962	53.	THOMAS E ANDERSON Date of Casualty: Oct 6, 1962
20.	FERGUS C GROVES II Date of Casualty: Feb 2, 1962	54.	GERALD C GRIFFIN Date of Casualty: Oct 6, 1962
21.	ROBERT D LARSON Date of Casualty: Feb 2, 1962	55.	RICHARD E HAMILTON Date of Casualty: Oct 6, 1962
22.	MILO B COGHILL Date of Casualty: Feb 2, 1962	56.	GERALD O NORTON Date of Casualty: Oct 6, 1962
23.	JACK D LE TOURNEAU Date of Casualty: Feb 11, 1962	57.	JERALD W PENDELL Date of Casualty: Oct 6, 1962
24.	EDWARD K KISSAM JR Date of Casualty: Feb 11, 1962	58.	MICHAEL J TUNNEY Date of Casualty: Oct 6, 1962
25.	STANLEY G HARTSON Date of Casualty: Feb 11, 1962	59.	MIGUEL A VALENTIN JR Date of Casualty: Oct 6, 1962
26.	LEWIS M WALLING JR Date of Casualty: Feb 11, 1962	60.	HERBERT W BOOTH JR Date of Casualty: Oct 15, 1962
27.	ROBERT L WESTFALL Date of Casualty: Feb 11, 1962	61.	TERRY D CORDELL Date of Casualty: Oct 15, 1962
28.	JOSEPH M FAHEY JR Date of Casualty: Feb 11, 1962	62.	RICHARD L FOXX Date of Casualty: Oct 15, 1962
29.	FLOYD M FRAZIER Date of Casualty: Feb 11, 1962	63.	JOHNNIE G LEE Date of Casualty: Nov 3, 1962
30.	GLEN F MERRIHEW Date of Casualty: Feb 11, 1962	64.	GARRY C MCFETRIDGE Date of Casualty: Nov 4, 1962
31.	CHARLES A PULLIAM Date of Casualty: Feb 17, 1962	65.	WILLIAM B TULLY Date of Casualty: Nov 5, 1962
32.	AL S PADAYHAG Date of Casualty: Mar 10, 1962	66.	ROBERT D BENNETT Date of Casualty: Nov 5, 1962
33.	IVAN P WHITLOCK Date of Casualty: Apr 2, 1962	67.	RICHARD D BENZEL Date of Casualty: Dec 6, 1962
34.	MILTON D BRITTON Date of Casualty: Apr 6, 1962	68.	CHARLES E HOLLOWAY Date of Casualty: Dec 22, 1962

20.

Vietnam War Casualties - September 2, 1973 – May 15, 1975

1. GEORGE M COUCH Date of Casualty: Sep 8, 1973
2. WILLIAM D HARRIS Date of Casualty: Sep 14, 1973
3. ALLAN L DUNNING JR Date of Casualty: Oct 19, 1973
4. CHARLES F SCOTT Date of Casualty: Nov 27, 1973
5. RICHARD M REES Date of Casualty: Dec 15, 1973
6. DAVID L WEEKS Date of Casualty: Nov 12, 1974
7. CHRISTOPHER L MAHER Date of Casualty: Jan 16, 1975
8. GARRY W HERMANSON Date of Casualty: Jan 24, 1975
9. JAMES K HURLEY Date of Casualty: Jan 24, 1975
10. GARY C HALL Date of Casualty: Jan 24, 1975
11. BRYAN A RYE Date of Casualty: Jan 24, 1975
12. DENNING C JOHNSON Date of Casualty: Apr 4, 1975
13. MARY T KLINKER Date of Casualty: Apr 4, 1975
14. WILLIAM S WILLIS Date of Casualty: Apr 4, 1975
15. MICHAEL G PAGET Date of Casualty: Apr 4, 1975
16. DONALD T DIONNE SR Date of Casualty: Apr 9, 1975
17. FELIZARDO C AGUILLON Date of Casualty: Apr 9, 1975
18. EDGAR R MELTON Date of Casualty: Apr 10, 1975
19. WENDLE L PAYNE Date of Casualty: Apr 10, 1975
20. JOE CASTRO Date of Casualty: Apr 12, 1975
21. KENNETH E NANCE Date of Casualty: Apr 12, 1975
22. WILLIAM M PARKER Date of Casualty: Apr 21, 1975
23. PAUL I VEGAS Date of Casualty: Apr 22, 1975
24. CHARLES MCMAHON JR Date of Casualty: Apr 29, 1975
25. DARWIN L JUDGE Date of Casualty: Apr 29, 1975
26. WILLIAM C NYSTUL Date of Casualty: Apr 29, 1975
27. MICHAEL J SHEA Date of Casualty: Apr 29, 1975

Though the Second Indochina War (known in the U.S. as the Vietnam War), ended on April 30, 1975 with the fall of Saigon to the Communists, the Mayaguez Incident is considered by the U.S. military to be a part of that larger conflict. The names of the American dead from the Mayaguez operation are engraved on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., with their names listed last, signifying that these casualties are considered the last combat deaths of the Vietnam War.

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| 1. JIMMY P BLACK Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | 22. TOMMY R NEALIS Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 |
| 2. BOBBY G COLLUMS Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | 23. ROBERT P WELDON Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 |
| 3. GERALD A COYLE Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | 24. DANIEL A BENEDETT Date of Casualty: May 15, 1975 |
| 4. THOMAS D DWYER Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | 25. LYNN BLESSING Date of Casualty: May 15, 1975 |
| 5. BOB W FORD Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | 26. WALTER BOYD Date of Casualty: May 15, 1975 |
| 6. GERALD W FRITZ Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | 27. GREGORY S COPENHAVER Date of Casualty: May 15, 1975 |
| *7. LAURENCE E FROEHLICH Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | 28. ANDRES GARCIA Date of Casualty: May 15, 1975 |
| 8. JACKIE D GLENN Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | 29. BERNARD GAUSE JR Date of Casualty: May 15, 1975 |
| 9. DARRELL L HAMLIN Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | 30. GARY L HALL Date of Casualty: May 15, 1975 |
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| 12. FALEAGAFULA ILAOA Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | 33. ASHTON N LONEY Date of Casualty: May 15, 1975 |
| 13. WILLIAM R MCKELVEY Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | 34. RONALD J MANNING Date of Casualty: May 15, 1975 |
| 14. ROBERT P MATHIAS Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | 35. DANNY G MARSHALL Date of Casualty: May 15, 1975 |
| 15. GEORGE E MCMULLEN III Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | 36. JAMES R MAXWELL Date of Casualty: May 15, 1975 |
| 16. EDGAR C MORAN II Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | 37. ELWOOD E RUMBAUGH Date of Casualty: May 15, 1975 |
| 17. PAUL J RABER Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | 38. ANTONIO R SANDOVAL Date of Casualty: May 15, 1975 |
| 18. ROBERT W ROSS Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | 39. KELTON R TURNER Date of Casualty: May 15, 1975 |
| 19. JAMES G KAYS Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | 40. RICHARD VANDEGEER Date of Casualty: May 15, 1975 |
| 20. MICHAEL D LANE Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | 41. RICHARD W RIVENBURGH Date of Casualty: May 15, 1975 |
| 21. DENNIS W LONDON Date of Casualty: May 13, 1975 | |

***7. U.S. Air Force 1st Lt. Laurence E Froehlich was from Sodus, Michigan.**

Total: 68 casualties.

37 of the casualties were born between: 1950 – 1957.

21.

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On the Iowa Vietnam Veteran Bonus Program –

....."Rep Hargrave (a 15-year Army veteran) was also concerned about the cutoff date for eligibility under the bill and was involved in the floor fight on the issue. The bill states that any time spent on active duty between Aug. 5, 1965 and June 30, 1973 would qualify the veteran for the benefits. 'I'm not positive the war will be over by then and we will wind up coming back next year and haggling the issue all over again.' he said."

22.

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The 1974 referendum authorized the sale of \$205 million in bonds. To date the Department of Treasury has marketed \$190 million of general obligation serial bonds. This amount is considered sufficient to fund the balance of the program which statutorily expires June 30, 1980.

23.

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Total Program Payment to Date: 1982 - \$173,997,924

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Initially funded from the residual of the Vietnam Bonus

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VIETNAM VETERAN BONUS UPDATE

Senate File 578 Senate File 578 (Vietnam Veteran Bonus Program and Appropriation Act) appropriated \$500,000 from the Veterans Trust Fund for bonuses for Vietnam Era veterans serving between July 1, 1973, and May 31, 1975. Certain veterans are eligible for monthly payments of either \$17.50 or \$12.50 depending on the location of active duty during the specified time period. The maximum bonus is limited to either \$300 for months in a non-service area or \$500 for months in a service area. The amount that a veteran may maximum bonus. Payment Information Between July 1 and September 30, 2007, the Department of Veterans Affairs approved 368 claims for an average of \$180 and total expenditures of \$66,149. Additional claims of \$6,980 for 32 veterans are pending. In addition, 167 claims have been denied due to the veteran already receiving the bonus, serving prior to the specified time period, or not being an Iowa resident at the time of enlistment.